



# Cityscene

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A Report to the Citizens of the City of Fairfax



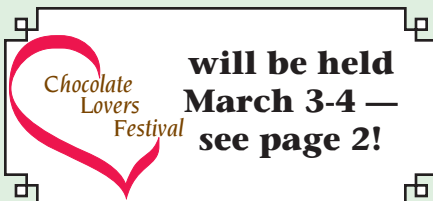
## DATELINE

### BPOL Payment, Filing Due March 1

The deadline for city businesses to file and pay for the City of Fairfax business license (BPOL) is March 1.

The postmark, not the postage meter date, will determine the filing and payment date of mailed applications.

License renewals and new licenses must be filed and paid to the Commissioner of the Revenue in City Hall. For information, call 703-385-7880.



will be held  
**March 3-4** —  
see page 2!

### University-Community Forum Set for March 7

The City of Fairfax and George Mason University maintain a close relationship — and hold town-gown meetings.

The upcoming University and Community Forum will be held at 7:30 p.m. March 7 at Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke.

Agenda items include the high school graduation schedule at the Patriot Center; Roanoke River road construction; and an overview of proposals for innovative storm water management techniques program involving the Rabbit Run Creek between Mason and Royal Lake. For information, call 703-385-7855.

If you're new to the city, welcome!  
Call 703-385-7800  
for new resident information.

## Business Recycling Reports Due by March 1; Submit Online Only

City business owners can help the city report their recycling success to the state by submitting their annual recycling reports to the city with a form on the city's website by March 1.

City Code mandates all businesses in the city submit an annual report on the amount of recycling their businesses generate.

The report details actual or estimated weight or volume of recycled materials. Businesses can obtain that information directly from their recycling vendors.

Commercial property owners who provide recycling services for their tenants must submit the information on behalf of those tenants.

Business owners who have received permission from the city to use the city's recycling center for this purpose must

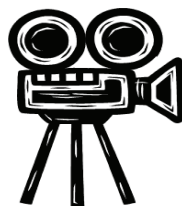
submit a report with an estimate of their recycling amounts. (Business owners may call 703-385-7837 or e-mail [dave.ray@fairfaxva.gov](mailto:dave.ray@fairfaxva.gov) regarding their use of the recycling center.)

Home-based businesses do not submit a report: their refuse already is included in the city's annual municipal recycling report.

This report must be submitted through the city's website using a form provided. Access this form by clicking on the "Refuse & Recycling" link on the city's home page.

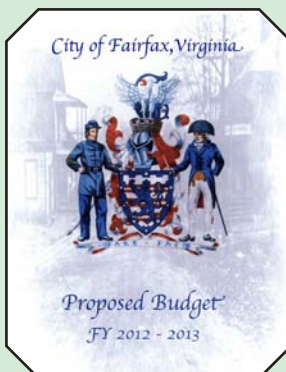
The report must be filled out by March 1 and must be submitted online. Computer services and Internet access are available for free at the City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North Street.

For information, call 703-385-7837.



celebrate women's history: watch the Hollywood  
feature "Iron Jawed Angels" at 3 p.m. March 18  
at City Hall, courtesy of Commission for Women.  
Info: 703-385-7995.

## City Budget Process Continues With Outreach Meeting in March



### Budget Review Schedule

March 13: work session

March 14: work session

March 20: community outreach meeting  
and work session

March 27: work session

April 10: public hearing, work session

**April 24: public hearing, work session\***

**Wednesday, May 2: public hearing, budget adoption\***

All meetings and work sessions are held at the City Hall Annex and are  
televised; see page 5. Additional meetings may be scheduled as needed.  
Schedule is subject to change.

Budget document available on city website or at City Hall.

Information: 703-385-7864. \* note changes



## NEWS & NOTES

### March 6 is Deadline for General Election Filing

Candidate filings are due by 7 p.m. March 6 for Mayor (one position, two-year term), City Council (six positions, two-year term) and School Board (five positions, two-year term). Candidate information bulletins, filing papers and petitions are available from the State Board of Elections (800-552-9745; [www.sbe.state.va.us](http://www.sbe.state.va.us)).

Voter registration books close April 9 for the May 1 election. For information, call 703-385-7890.

### Shop Local for Petrol, Support City Services

As the year progresses, drivers are watching gasoline prices increase.

In addition to economical, safe driving practices, drivers should consider buying gasoline from local stations — to the benefit of the city.

The commonwealth provides the city with funds based on the amount of gasoline purchased in the city.

These funds support city services: street paving, public safety services, trash and recycling collection, school facility maintenance, park equipment upkeep, special events (like the Fall Festival and Independence Day celebration) and more.

Shopping local is a good idea for other items as well, as the city benefits from taxes and other fees when local businesses thrive.

**If you see something,  
say something:  
report possible zoning viola-  
tions to the  
Zoning Office (703-385-7820),  
Code Administration  
(703-385-7830) or the  
Neighborhood Concerns  
Hotline  
(703-385-7800;  
[complaints@fairfaxva.gov](mailto:complaints@fairfaxva.gov)).**

## Free Tax Preparation Assistance Available

The Office of the Commissioner of the Revenue provides free assistance by appointment through April 13 with preparing and filing federal, state and estimated tax returns in City Hall.

Tax preparation assistance is available to city residents with an income up to \$60,000. To make an appointment, call 703-385-7880.

The city checks all incoming state tax returns and makes corrections as needed.

Federal and state tax forms are available on the second floor of City Hall and on the city's website. For information, call 703-385-7880.

### AARP, VITA, TCE Tax Assistance

AARP TaxAide and Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) offer free federal tax return assistance to low- and moderate-income persons of any age at drop-in locations. For information, see the calendar in this issue or call (888) AARP-NOW.

Military personnel and the elderly have options: Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) provides free tax help for people age 60 and older and military personnel also can get free tax help through the Armed Forces Tax Council. For information, call (800) 829-1040.

**Find out first! Find out fast!  
Sign up for eMAS, the city's  
electronic message alert system  
on the city's website:  
[emas.fairfaxva.gov](http://emas.fairfaxva.gov).**



check [www.chocolatefestival.net](http://www.chocolatefestival.net) for updates!



## Chocolate Lovers Festival Schedule

### Saturday, March 3

*Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale* — 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Fire Station 3

*Facepainting* — 9 am to 1 pm, Fire Station 3

*Child Fingerprinting* — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., City Hall Atrium

*Taste of Chocolate* — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Old Town Hall

*Chocolate Challenge and Silent Auction* — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Nutrition Kitchen

*Q&A: Norman R. Davis and Zane Beg* — 10:30 a.m., City of Fairfax Regional Library

*The Chocolate Caper* — 10:30-11:30 a.m., City Hall Annex

*Children's Crafts and Activities* — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Fairfax Museum

*How to Fabulously Decorate Cakes At Home* — noon to 1 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library

*So You Think You Are Smarter Than a Lawyer?* — 1-2 p.m., Fairfax Court House

*Chocolate-Covered Fairy Tales* — 2-3 p.m., City of Fairfax Regional Library

*Unchained Harmony Quartet* — 3:30-5 p.m., City of Fairfax Regional Library

*Open House and Exhibits* — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Fairfax Museum and

Visitor Center • 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Legato School • 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Ford Building • noon to 4 p.m., Ratcliffe-Allison House

### Sunday, March 4

*Chocolate Challenge and Silent Auction* — noon to 4 p.m., Nutrition Kitchen

*Taste of Chocolate* — noon to 4 p.m., Old Town Hall

*Fire Safety Puppet Show* — 1-1:45 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library

*Last Paradise on Earth: Our Rainforests* — 2-3 p.m., City of Fairfax Regional Library

*Magic With Turley* — 3:30-4:15 p.m., City of Fairfax Regional Library

*Open House and Exhibits* — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Fairfax Museum and

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*Schedule is subject to change. Visit [www.chocolatefestival.net](http://www.chocolatefestival.net) for an event map and information on parking, shuttle schedules, costs and more.*

**Information: [www.chocolatefestival.net](http://www.chocolatefestival.net) • 703-385-1661**

# City's Real Property Tax Base Increases in 2012

The city's real property tax base is projected to increase by about 2.9 percent this year, reflecting moderately improved market conditions in the residential and commercial market sectors.

Real estate assessment notices, to be mailed in mid-March, will reflect an overall projected increase of about \$147 million in assessed value.

Residential assessments, which constitute roughly 61 percent of all assessments, will increase by about 2.12 percent overall this year.

Existing single-family property assessments are expected to increase 2.6 percent on average, ranging from no change in certain neighborhoods to as much as +10 percent in others.

Residential condominiums are expected to decrease 0.6 percent on average, ranging from -9 percent to +9 percent depending on the neighborhood. Townhomes are expected to decrease 0.3 percent on average, ranging from -8 percent to +20 percent depending on the neighborhood.

Overall, commercial real estate assessments, which constitute roughly 39 percent of all assessments, are projected to increase about 3.08 percent. Average assessments will change for specific property types, including commercial

condominiums (-1 percent), retail and restaurants (+5 percent), industrial flex/warehouse (+6 percent), and multi-family (+10 percent). Rental office buildings will remain stable with little or no change. Vacant commercial land is projected to remain level with 2011.

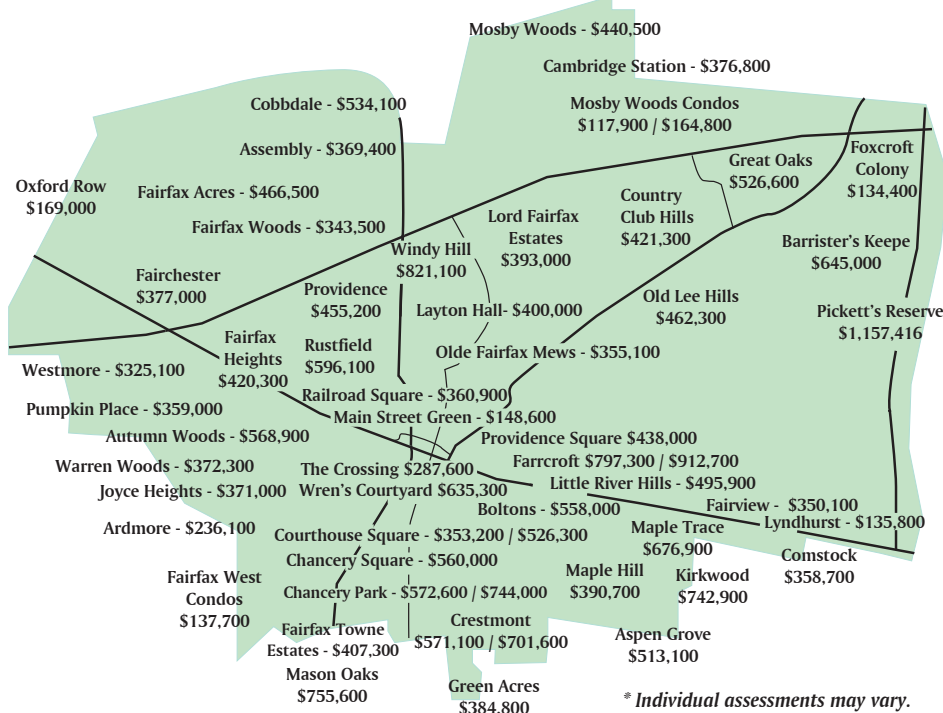
Commercial development, newly constructed homes, and residential and commercial renovations have added an estimated \$34 million to the property tax base for 2012.

Revenues projected from real estate assessments are central to the city's annual budget. The City Council will set the 2012 tax rate during the budget process, continues through April 26. The tax rate determines the amount of real estate taxes paid for the calendar year.

Real estate assessments, made each year, are effective January 1. Virginia law requires that the assessed value of real property reasonably reflect fair market value as indicated by recent sales, and that it be equitable with the assessments placed on comparable properties.

Real estate assessment and sales information, as well as appeal forms, instructions, and other information are accessible 24 hours a day on the city's website. For information, call 703-385-7840.

## 2012 Projected Average Residential Assessments\*



\* Individual assessments may vary.



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## Electronics Recycling Offered March 25, Shredding March 31

City residents are invited to dispose of electronics for free on Electric Sunday Computer and TV Recycling Event held monthly through November at the I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road — and occasionally at the I-95 Landfill Complex in Lorton.

The next Electric Sunday will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 25 at the I-95 Landfill Complex.

Accepted items include computers, televisions, fax machines, photocopy machines, VCRs, cell phones, scanners and calculators. Erase or reformat computer hard drives before recycling — and consider removing or destroying them.

Also drop off household hazardous waste at the same location, such as automotive fluids, toxic cleaning products, rechargeable batteries and fluorescent light bulbs.

Free secure document shredding will be offered from 8 a.m. to noon March 31 at the South Fairfax County Center, 8350 Richmond Highway, Alexandria.

For information, visit the recycling page on the Fairfax County website or call 703-324-5052.

## Recycling, Disposal Information Available

The City of Fairfax has two flyers to help residents properly dispose of trash and recyclables in the city:

- *How to Dispose of Items in the City*, which lists what items may be disposed of where and how in the city, and
- *Curbside Recycling is Easier Than Ever*, which lists what items are recycled in the blue bins collected by the city.

For a copy of the flyers, visit the city's website (click on "Refuse & Recycling" on the home page) or call 703-293-7141.

**INFORMATION: 703-385-7837**



## Peter Noonan Named School Superintendent

The City of Fairfax School Board selected Dr. Peter Noonan as superintendent of City of Fairfax Schools, starting July 1.

Noonan currently serves as the assistant superintendent of instructional Services for Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) where he is responsible for the overall academic performance of 177,000 students, strengthening curriculum and instructional programs for 200 division-wide schools and providing professional development for school administrators and teachers. Prior to his position as assistant superintendent, Noonan was the assistant superintendent for FCPS Cluster VII, which includes the city schools.

Noonan began his career as a teacher in New Mexico and has been working in school administration for almost 20 years, including serving as principal of Sidney Lanier Middle School from 2002-04.

The current superintendent, Ann Monday, will retire June 30.

## City Schools Available for Community Use

City residents are invited to use city schools for community activities.

Through an ongoing partnership with Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS), educational, civic, recreational and cultural groups may apply to reserve space in school buildings and on school grounds.

When space is available that does not interfere with scheduled school and city-sponsored recreation activities, groups and individuals may apply to reserve space.

For detailed information regarding building use, including frequently asked questions, a school facility list and contacts and priority of use, visit [www.fcps.edu/fts/comuse](http://www.fcps.edu/fts/comuse) or call 571-423-2340.

The city has four schools:

- Daniels Run Elementary School, 3705 Old Lee Highway;
- Providence Elementary School, 3616 Jermantown Road;
- Sydney Lanier Middle School, 3801 Jermantown Road; and
- Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run.

## Partial Tax Exemption Offered for Renovated Homes

Residents who plan to substantially upgrade their older residences may be eligible for a partial real estate tax exemption.

The exemption amount is based on the increased value of the residence that has been substantially rehabilitated, renovated or replaced. Exemptions are given for a 10-year period, with a 100 percent exemption of the increased value for the first five years then decreasing percentage for years six through 10.

The residential structure — single-family house or duplex — must be at least 15 years old. The improvements

must increase the assessed value by at least 15 percent. The homeowner must obtain appropriate building permits and inspections during the home improvement process.

Applicant must apply for the exemption *before any construction begins* (preferably as soon as any required building permits are granted).

The city assessor will establish the base value of the home before construction begins, and approve the exemption upon final inspection after construction is finished.

For information, call 703-385-7840.

*April is Spring Cleanup Month and April 28 is Spring Cleanup Day!  
Communities, civic groups, businesses and volunteers are invited to sign up to  
now: call 703-385-7995 or e-mail [Terry.Lawver@fairfaxva.gov](mailto:Terry.Lawver@fairfaxva.gov)*

## City Provides Real Estate Tax, Rent Relief

The City of Fairfax provides real estate tax and rental relief for senior citizens or city residents with permanent or total disabilities.

For real estate tax relief, the combined gross income limit is \$62,000 and the current asset limit is \$340,000.

Different types of real estate tax relief are granted on a sliding scale based on income.

Qualified homeowners may choose from the following program options:

- *basic tax relief*, which allows either full or partial tax relief;
- *tax deferral*, which allows participants the option of deferring payment of real estate taxes to a future date;
- *tax freeze*, which freezes the amount of real estate tax assessed in the year in which the taxpayer initially applies and becomes qualified; or
- *combination tax freeze and deferral*.

Rent relief is available for senior citizens or renters with permanent or total disabilities. The maximum income level is \$40,000 and the assistance is a single payment of \$420 per year.

**Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption** — Also, Virginia law has created a real estate tax exemption for the primary residence of certain disabled veterans and their surviving spouses.

The veteran must be declared 100 percent service-connected, permanently and totally disabled by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

The application is a one-time process for a single address. Disability documentation must come from Veterans Affairs; it is not sufficient to submit a medical certification from a private physician.

Applications for these programs are available from the Finance Department. For information, call 703-359-2486.

## Volunteers Sought for Advisory Boards

- **Board of Equalization of Real Estate Assessments** (one vacancy for city resident, one vacancy for city business representative) — Hears appeals of assessed value of real estate. Court appointed. Meets as needed.
- **Community Appearance Committee** (one vacancy) — Coordinates the city's Adopt-a-Spot program and clean-up month/day programs, in addition to commercial, residential and holiday decoration award programs. Meets on the fourth Thursday of the month.

**Applications will be considered at an upcoming City Council meeting following submission. Unless otherwise noted, city residency is required (at least one year living in the city and registered to vote in the city). Submit letters of interest and résumé (if available) to City Clerk Melanie Burrell. Vacancies are subject to change. Information: 703-385-7935.**



# MARCH CABLE SCHEDULE

## Election Results

The March 6 primary election results from City of Fairfax precincts will be posted as soon as the precincts report.

## The Fairfax Scene

Through March 14, view the recently restored version of the 1924 film *The Road to Happiness*, which was filmed in the area and portrays a local farmer's pursuit of improving roads in the region. An introduction to the film giving historical background was produced in 1985 by Historic Fairfax City, Inc.

Beginning March 15, enjoy highlights from the Chocolate Lovers Festival.

*The Fairfax Scene* plays at 2 pm, 4 pm and 6 pm daily.

## School Board Meeting

Monday, March 5, 7:30 pm, LIVE  
replays: Tuesday, March 6, 10 am, 7 pm;  
Thursday, March 8, 10 am, 7 pm;  
Monday, March 19, 10 am, 7 pm;  
Tuesday, March 20, 10 am;

Thursday, March 22, 10 am, 7 pm;  
*Archived online March 6*

## City Council Meetings, Work Sessions

Tuesday, March 13, 7 pm, LIVE  
replays: Wednesday, March 14, 10 am;  
Friday, March 16, 10 am, 7 pm;  
Sunday, March 18, 10 am, 7 pm,  
*Archived online March 14*  
*OnDEMAND replay begins March 18*  
Wednesday, March 14, 7 pm, LIVE  
replays: Saturday, March 17, 10 am, 7 pm;  
Monday, March 19, 10 am  
*Archived online March 15*  
*OnDEMAND replay begins March 18*  
Tuesday, March 20, 7 pm, LIVE  
replays: Wednesday, March 21, 10 am, 7 pm;  
Friday, March 23, 10 am, 7 pm;  
Saturday, March 24, 10 am, 7 pm;  
Sunday, March 25, 10 am, 7 pm,  
*Archived online March 21*  
*OnDEMAND replay begins March 25*

Tuesday, March 27, 7 pm, LIVE  
replays: Wednesday, March 28, 10 am, 7 pm;  
Friday, March 30, 10 am, 7 pm;  
Saturday, March 31, 10 am, 7 pm;  
Sunday, April 1, 10 am, 7 pm,  
*Archived online March 28*  
*OnDEMAND replay begins April 1*

## Planning Commission Meetings

Monday, March 12, 7 pm, LIVE  
replays: Tuesday, March 13, 10 am;  
Thursday, March 15, 10 am, 7 pm;  
*Archived online March 13*  
Monday, March 26, 7 pm, LIVE  
replays: Tuesday, March 27, 10 am;  
Thursday, March 29, 10 am, 7 pm;  
*Archived online March 27*

## The Road to Recovery

Produced by the Department of Health and Human Services, it plays at 10 am, 7 pm when no meetings are scheduled.

**Programming is subject to change — see Cityscreen-12 to confirm the programming schedule. Information: 703-385-7803.**



## Proposed Agendas for School Board, Planning Commission, City Council

**School Board (for information, call 703-385-7911)**

*March 5 regular meeting*

- Student representative report.
- Presentation of Fairfax High School All-Night Graduation Party donation.
- Staff and student recognition for Lanier Middle School.
- Presentations: to Scott Brabrand, Fairfax County Public Schools; on Lanier Middle School.
- Approval: of contract for Superintendent of Schools; of February 6, 2012 minutes.

*March 19 work session*

- Presentations: Focus on College and Career Readiness; Review Student Panel Questions.

**Planning Commission (for information, call 703-385-7930)**

*March 12 and March 26 regular meeting*

- No agenda items have been set.

**City Council (for information, call 703-385-7935)**

*March 13 regular meeting and work session*

- Consideration of a special event application request by Paul VI Athletic Booster Club/Options Program for a 5K race through Fairfax Heights and Moore & Oliver residential neighborhoods.
- Discussion of the city's response to the letter to the Mayor and Council by the Downtown Fairfax Coalition, dated December 27, 2011, which contained the goals of the DFC, itemized specific problems and issues in Old Town Fairfax, and suggestions for the improvement of the area.
- Discussion of proposed directional signs for eastbound and westbound Main Street/North Street (Route 236) and proposed new parking signs for Old Town Fairfax.

*March 14 budget work session*

- Briefings by city departments on the city's proposed budget for fiscal year 2012-13.

*March 20 budget community outreach special meeting and work session*

- Public outreach meeting on the city's proposed budget for fiscal year 2012-13.
- Consideration of the fiscal year 2012-13 maximum real estate tax rate to be advertised for the city's proposed budget for fiscal year 2012-13.
- Discussion of the city's proposed budget for fiscal year 2012-13.

*March 27 regular meeting and work session*

- Discussion of the city's proposed budget for fiscal year 2012-13.
- Joint work session with the Economic Development Authority.

**Meeting information is subject to change; call to confirm.**





# CITY COUNCIL REPORTER

**February 7**

## Consent agenda

- Approved, unanimously: Introduction of an appropriation resolution for the demolition of Westmore School in the amount of \$550,000; Consideration of an application for road closures for the Annual Little League Opening Day Ceremony/Parade; Consideration of a special event application request by Inova Fairfax Hospital for Children for an 8K race through the Green Acres neighborhood; Consideration of an award of a task order to Gannett Fleming Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$205,000 for subsurface investigation for Beaverdam Creek Dam.

## Public hearings

- Approved, unanimously, that based on the public convenience, welfare and good zoning practice, approval of the application of 10201 Olde School LLC for a proffered condition amendment Z(PA)-11100070 at 10201 Main Street.
- Approved, unanimously, the request of Sundog Productions for an amend-

ment to previously approved special use permit pursuant to City Code to allow a change of building materials for the enlargement and extension of a nonconforming industrial use in the C-2 Retail Commercial District at 3850 Jermantown Road, with conditions.

## Actions out of the closed meeting/ Appointments to Boards and Commission

- Confirmed the following appointments to the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments:
  - COG Board of Directors – Councilmember Drummond, Councilmember Greenfield (Alternate)
  - National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board – Councilmember Meyer, Councilmember Drummond (Alternate)
  - Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee – Councilmember Stombres, Mayor Lederer (Alternate)
  - Region Forward coalition – Councilmember Greenfield
  - Human Services and Public Safety Policy Committee – Councilmember Schmidt, Councilmember Greenfield

(Alternate)

- Climate, Energy and Environment Policy Committee – Councilmember Stombres
- Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee – Councilmember Meyer
- Confirmed the appointment of Paul Cunningham as the Planning Commission Representative to the Board of Architectural Review for a one-year term extending through February 7, 2013.
- Confirmed the appointment of Jennifer Passey as the Planning Commission representative to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for a one-year term extending through February 7, 2013.

**Watch televised City Council meetings live and replayed on Cityscreen-12, the city's cable television station, as well as on Cox Communications OnDEMAND and on the city's website. See page 5!**

*Council Reporters are condensed due to space constraints. For a complete copy, call 703-385-7935.*



## DID YOU KNOW

### Share Your Talent: Volunteer for City Boards, Commissions

City residents and business leaders who want to volunteer on behalf of their communities may consider joining the city's boards and commissions.

From arts to aging, from community appearance to parks and recreation, from history to elections, there's bound to be a board or commission of interest. A list of city and regional boards and commissions is available on the city's website or from the City Clerk's Office in City Hall.

Current vacancies are announced in *The Cityscene* (page 4), on Cityscreen-12 and on the city's website (click on the link on the home page).

Additionally, board vacancy news and notices are sent out via eMAS in the category *Boards and Commissions*

*Vacancies and News* — be sure to update your eMAS subscription to include this category.

Applicants must be registered voters. If residency is required, applicants must have lived in the city for at least one year.

For information, e-mail [CityClerk@fairfaxva.gov](mailto:CityClerk@fairfaxva.gov) or call 703-385-7935.

### IDCC Holds Yard Sale April 21; Items Sought

The Independence Day Celebration Committee will hold an indoor yard sale from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 21 at Green Acres Center, 4401 Sideburn Road — and seeks donated items to sell.

These items will be accepted for the yard sale from 5- 8 p.m. April 20 in the Green Acres Center cafeteria: children's clothes, toys, bikes, computers, furniture, appliances and household linens. Please,

*no adult-size clothing.*

Proceeds will benefit the city's 2012 Independence Day celebration. For information, call 703-385-7949.



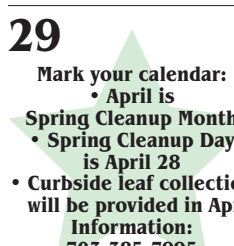
### Information Resources In Case of Emergency...

- City website: [www.fairfaxva.gov](http://www.fairfaxva.gov)
- Cityscreen-12, city's television station
- eMAS messages: [emas.fairfaxva.gov](mailto:emas.fairfaxva.gov)
- City newsline — 703-273-1776
- 1650 AM radio
- Facebook: [CityofFairfaxVa](https://www.facebook.com/CityofFairfaxVa)
- Twitter: [CityofFairfaxVa](https://twitter.com/CityofFairfaxVa)
- General information: 703-385-7855 (TTY: 7-1-1) (regular business hours)
- Office of Emergency Management: 703-385-4856 (TTY: 7-1-1) (regular business hours)



# City of Fairfax Community Calendar

# March 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Helpful Phone Numbers</b> City government information..... 703-385-7855 City News and Events Line..... 703-273-1776 Arts and Cultural Events Line..... 703-352-ARTS City of Fairfax Regional Library ..... 703-293-6227 Civil War Interpretive Center..... 703-591-0560 Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center..... 703-385-8414 FHS Sports Line..... 703-749-8130 George Mason University events..... 703-993-1056 Information is subject to last-minute change.		 <b>Events at George Mason University, including concerts and student activities, may affect traffic in the city.</b> For information, visit <a href="http://today.gmu.edu">today.gmu.edu</a> or call 703-993-1056.	 <b>Don't forget to catch Cityscreen-12's latest special events programming on YouTube:</b> <a href="http://www.youtube.com/cityoffairfaxva">www.youtube.com/cityoffairfaxva</a> .	<b>1</b> BPOL payment, filing due Business recycling reports due Fairfax City Democratic Committee meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex	<b>2</b> <i>Big Time Rush: Better with U Tour</i> , 7 pm, Patriot Center Bingo, 7:15 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)	 <b>3</b> Chocolate Lovers Festival — see page 2 Ballet Folklorico De Antioquia, Colombia, 8 pm, Center for the Arts Celtic Woman, 8 pm, Patriot Center
<b>4</b>  Chocolate Lovers Festival — see page 2 Nordwest Deutsche Philharmonie, 4 pm, Center for the Arts	<b>5</b>  Old Town Hall Children's Performance Series, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall (televised; see page 5) Astronomy observing session, 7 pm, George Mason University School Board meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex	<b>6</b> General Election candidate filings for Mayor, City Council, School Board due English Conversation Group, 7 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	<b>7</b> Spotlight on the Arts meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex University/Community Forum, 7:30 pm, Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke	<b>8</b> <i>Toddler Time</i> (age 2-3), 10:30 am, City of Fairfax Regional Library Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting, 7 pm, Sherwood Community Center	<b>9</b> Bingo, 7:15 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department) <i>Irish Breakfast Band</i> , 8 pm, Old Town Hall Romeo Santos, 8 pm, Patriot center	<b>10</b> Children's and young adult book sale, 10 am to 3 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library <i>Cedar Lake Contemporary Ballet</i> , 8 pm, Center for the Arts
<b>11</b> Second Sunday Series: <i>From Morning to Night: Domestic Service in the Guilded Age South</i> , 2 pm, Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center <i>Vienna Boys Choir</i> , 4 pm, Center for the Arts	<b>12</b>  Planning Commission meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5)	<b>13</b>  City Council meeting and work session, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5)	<b>14</b>  City Council budget work session, 6 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5) League of Women Voters meeting, 6:15 pm, Yeng Chang Restaurant Historic Fairfax City, Inc., meeting 7 pm, Civil War Interpretive Center	<b>15</b> Special events vendor applications due <i>Friday Morning Music Club</i> , 11 am, Old Town Hall City of Fairfax Republican Committee meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex Independence Day Celebration Committee meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	<b>16</b> Book Sale, 10 am to 5 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library <i>Army Blues with Doc Severinsen</i> , 2 pm, George Mason University Harris Theater Bingo, 7:15 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)	<b>17</b> Book Sale, 10 am to 5 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library <i>Fairfax Symphony Orchestra: Rick Rowley</i> , 8 pm, Center for the Arts
<b>18</b> Book Sale, 1-4 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library  Movie: <i>Iron Jawed Angel</i> , 3 pm, City Hall Main Street Community Band: <i>March Magic</i> , 4 pm, Lanier Middle School	<b>19</b> Old Town Hall Children's Performance Series, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall School Board work session, 7:30 pm, Fairfax High School Astronomy observing session, 8:15 pm, George Mason University	<b>20</b>  Commission on the Arts meeting, 7 pm, City Hall City Council community outreach special meeting and work session, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5)	<b>21</b> Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex	<b>22</b> <i>Mother Goose</i> (age birth to 23 months), City of Fairfax Regional Library Community Appearance Committee meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	<b>23</b> Bingo, 7:15 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department) <i>Southern Maryland Chamber Music Society</i> , 8 pm, Old Town Hall <i>The Mikado</i> , 8 pm, Center for the Arts	<b>24</b> Civil War Interpretive Series: <i>The Union Army Comes to Fairfax: Soldiers at Blenheim</i> , noon to 4 pm, Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim City of Fairfax Band: <i>Springtime Pops!</i> , 8 pm, Fairfax High School
<b>25</b> Electric Sunday, 10 am to 3 pm, I-95 Complex, 9850 Furnace Road, Lorton Virginia Opera: <i>The Mikado</i> , 2 pm, Center for the Arts <i>Harlem Globetrotters</i> , 2 pm, Patriot Center	<b>26</b>  <i>Tales to Tails</i> (age 6-12), 4:30 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library Planning Commission meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5)	<b>27</b>  City Council meeting and work session, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5) English Conversation Group, 7 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library	<b>28</b> Economic Development Authority meeting, 6:30 pm, 4031 University Drive <i>An Evening with Karagoz and Hacivat: A Glimpse at Traditional Turkish Shadow Puppet Theater</i> , 7 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library	<b>29</b>  <b>Mark your calendar:</b> • April is Spring Cleanup Month • Spring Cleanup Day is April 28 • Curbside leaf collection will be provided in April Information: 703-385-7995	<b>30</b> Bingo, 7:15 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department) <i>Mason Dance Company Gala</i> , 8 pm, Center for the Arts	<b>31</b> Document shredding event, South Fairfax County Center, 8350 Richmond Highway, Alexandria <i>Mason Dance Company Gala</i> , 8 pm, Center for the Arts <i>Mac Miller with The Cool Kids &amp; The Come Ups</i> , 8 pm, Patriot Center



# ARTS, CULTURE & RECREATION

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## Lecture Set for March 11 on Traveling Exhibit

Find out more about the labor corps of the late nineteenth century in the traveling exhibit *From Morning to Night: Domestic Service in the Gilded Age South*.

The exhibit will be at the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 10209 Main Street, through March 31. Kathy Alcaine from Maymont Foundation will give a free talk on the exhibit at 2 p.m. March 11 at the museum.

For information, call 703-385-8414.

## Summer Camp Registration Begins March 12 for New Campers

Registration for returning participants of the city's summer camp program continues exclusively through March 11.

All first-time campers may begin registration March 12, space permitting.

Programs for children age 3 (pre-kindergarten) through rising 10th graders are held from June 25 to August 10 in city schools, either for seven weeks or in

designated two-week sessions. Speciality camps also are offered during the summer.

Registration is accepted in person from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at City Hall Room 123, Green Acres Center (4401 Sideburn Road) or the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center (3740 Old Lee Highway). Registration also may be faxed to 703-246-6321 or mailed to the Parks and Recreation Department at City Hall.

For information, call 703-385-7858.

## Vendor Applications Due March 15

The City of Fairfax seeks applications for vendors to participate in three city special events: Independence Day July 4, Fall Festival October 13 and Holiday Craft Show November 17-18.

Applications are due March 15. For information, visit the city's website or call 703-385-7858.

## Active.com Aids Rec Class Registration

Smartphone users can sign up for City of Fairfax recreation classes with Active.com, a free app available for iPhones and Android phones (and available on the Web at <http://m.active.com> on BlackBerry and other handheld devices).

ActiveNet app allows for quick searches for area activities — enter "Fairfax" or let the phone search from your location. Users can check event calendars, confirm class times, keep in touch with like-minded athletes on message boards — and let your friends and family know what you're doing by posting activities on social media websites.

Additional services are available for purchase. For information, visit [active.com](http://active.com) or visit iTunes or Android Marketplace.

## Independence Day Parade Applications Due April 1

Join friends and family, civic and business groups: march in the city's Independence Day Parade July 4. Volunteers also are sought to assist during the event. This year's theme is *A Star Spangled Celebration*. Applications are due April 1. For information, visit the city's website or call 703-385-7858.

**Mark your calendar:  
The Mayor's Ball is April 20 at  
Sherwood Community Center.  
Information: 703-352-ARTS.**

**For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 703-385-7858 (TTY Relay: 711).**



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